Janet Napolitano Governor

Office of the Governor

* ARIZONA MENTORING MONTH *

WHEREAS, this year marks the seventh annual Arizona Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, mentors provide support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive example to youth throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, mentors play an important role in shaping the personal and academic development of the youth of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that young people who are mentored are less likely to begin using illegal drugs and alcohol, less likely to skip school, and have better attitudes towards their education, future and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Mentoring Month will emphasize the importance of mentoring and will promote the positive effects of mentoring relationships;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2008 as

* ARIZONA MENTORING MONTH *

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eleventh day of December in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second. **ATTEST**:

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Secretary of State

